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Department of Health Issues Health Advisory for People With Respiratory Conditions in Response to Fire Near Mandan, N.D.

BISMARCK, N.D. – In response to the fire burning at Johnson's Wrecking near Mandan, N.D., the North Dakota Department of Health is issuing the following health advisory for people who have respiratory conditions:

- People who have respiratory conditions – such as asthma, emphysema or bronchitis – should stay inside, close their windows, and shut off their furnaces until the smoky haze clears.
- People who are experiencing symptoms of respiratory distress should seek medical care immediately.
- Anyone who is concerned about the smoke may choose to stay indoors, as well.

Small pieces of ash and soot (particulate matter) in the air that can be breathed into the lungs is the main health concern connected with the fire at this time.

Residents of the Mandan and Bismarck areas should continue to monitor local news for future advisories from the Department of Health.

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